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- 1. WHILE EMBASSY ENDORSES CONCEPT OF INTERNATIONAL SHARING OF ENERGY CONSERVING TECHNOLOGY OUTLINED IN REFTEL, ITS SOUNDINGS WITH MARKET RESEARCH CONTRACTORS REVEAL SOME DOUBTS ABOUT USEFULNESS OF INCLUSION OF ITALY IN SUCH A PROGRA. THESE VIEEWS BASED ON A)LOW LEVEL OF INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN ENERGY CONSERVATION, B) ITALIAN PREFERENCE FOR LETTING U.S.DEVELOP TECHNOLOGY AND THEN PURCHASING KNOWHOW, AND THREFORE, C) SMALL POSSIBILITY OF UNCOVERING TECHNOLOGY UNKNOWN IN U.S.CURRENT TECHNOLOGY FLOW IS ALMOST ENTIRELY FROM U.S.TO ITALY.
- 2. SPECIFIC INDUSTRY APPROACH WAS FAVORED BY ALL CONTRACTORS OVER A COUNTRY-WIDE APPROACH. STANDARD AND FAMILIAR TECHNIQUES COULD BE USED TO CONDUCT AN INDUSTRY WIDE PROGRAM. NO SUGGESTIONS GIVEN BY CONTRACTORS ON HOW TO CHOOSE INDUSTRY TO BE STUDIED.
- 3. IF ITALY OR ITS INDUSTRIES ARE SELECTED FOR INCLUSION IN UNCLASSIFIED

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PROGRAM, EMBASSY IS PREPARED TO CONTACT CERTAIN AGENCIES WHICH WE EXPECT WOULD E WILLING TO SUPPLY US WITH INFORMATION ON ENERGY SAVING PROCESSES. THESE WOULD INCLUDE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL, NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD, PATENT OFFICE AND CONFINDUSTRIA (CONFEDERATION OF INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATIONS). FOLLOW-UP BY CONTRACTORS WOULD THEN BE REQUIRED. EMBASSY ANTICIPATES NEED FOR CLOSE SUPERVISON OF CONTRACTORS AND CONSEQUENTLY DEMAND ON

MISSION'S RESOURCES WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO A	CCOUNT
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